

From the Fathers (and others):

Abba Doulas, the disciple of Abba Bessarion said, “One day when we were walking beside the sea I was thirsty and I said to Abba Bessarion, ‘Father, I am very thirsty.’ He said a prayer and said to me, ‘Drink some of the sea water.’ The water proved sweet when I drank some. I even poured some into a leather bottle for fear of being thirsty later on. Seeing this, the old man asked me why I was taking some. I said to him, ‘Forgive me, it is for fear of being thirsty later on.’ Then the old man said, ‘God is here, God is everywhere.’”

Abba Doulas on Abba Bessarion
Sayings of the Desert Fathers

A desert hermit advised, “Do not blame other people of your troubles. Instead, blame yourself. Think, ‘I am in this situation because of my own choices.’”

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

“Let us flee from the deceit of life and its supposed happiness and run to Christ alone, who is the Savior of souls. Him let us endeavor to find (Him) Who is present everywhere, and when we have found Him let us hold Him fast and fall at His feet (cf. Mt. 28:9) and embrace them in the fervor of our souls.”

St. Symeon the New Theologian

“Wherefore on no account suffer any evil habit to master thee; but, while it is yet young, pluck the evil root out of thine heart, lest it fasten on and strike root so deep that time and labor be required to uproot it.”

St John Damascene

“If during service your brother does anything irregularly, or negligently, do not become irritated with him, whether inwardly or outwardly, but be generously indulgent to his fault, remembering that you yourself commit many, many, faults, that you yourself are a man with every weakness, that God is long-suffering and all-merciful, and that He forgives you and all of us our offenses time without number.

St. John of Kronstadt

St. John Orthodox Church



~ July 17, 2016 ~

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth
Ecumenical Council*

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GREAT VESPERS
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

ORTHROS and CHURCH SCHOOL
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
"...the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch!"
Acts 11:26

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Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Janine Smith**.

Welcome to all those visiting St. John Orthodox Church. We are honored by your presence. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church.

If you are from a non-Orthodox background you may see new things such as icons, incense, the sign of the cross, the veneration of saints, and a great deal of standing. These can be perplexing to the uninitiated eye. Rest assured that everything we do has a solid biblical foundation and a long history among Christian people. Please feel free to participate where you feel comfortable, and feel equally as free only to observe when you prefer.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be – among other things – the paramount expression of Christian unity. While it is our deepest hope that Christendom will one day fulfill Christ's desire for true unity among all those who claim His name (John 17:21), the unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practice of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* The Holy Eucharist is reserved for those members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All visitors and unprepared Orthodox are invited to partake of the blessed bread as they come forward to venerate the cross at the end of the Liturgy. Thank you for your understanding.

ST. JOHN CALENDAR

July 17 - 24 (Wed & Fri. Fast)

- Sunday** -Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-AWSJ Book Club, 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home
- Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Barksdale's
-Catechumen/Inquirers class, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Parish Meal following Vespers
- Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
- Friday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Paraklesis, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday** -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
- Sunday** -**Orthros, 8:45 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

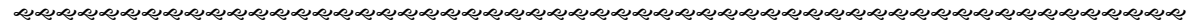
DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.

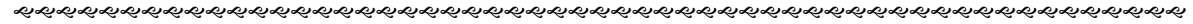
PRIEST:	Fr. John	HOMILY:	Fr. John
READER:	David Twombly	USHER:	John Sneed
HOLY BREAD:	Lavinia Dumitrache		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Zach, Trent, Max, Eli		
COFFEE HOUR:	Anna Pashchinskaya, Kate Kumar		

COMMEMORATIONS

July 17: Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia; Venerable-Irenarchos of Solovskiy.
July 18: Martyr Emilianos of Silistria in Bulgaria; John, metropolitan of Chalcedon; Stephen, patriarch of Constantinople.
July 19: Venerable Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great; Venerable Dios of Antioch; Theodore, archbishop of Ephesos; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Seraphim of Sarov; Stephen Lazarevic.
July 20: Prophet Elijah (Elias); Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze of Georgia.
July 21: Venerable Simeon of Homs, fool-for-Christ; John and Parthenios, bishop of Radovizlios; Venerable Artas; Martyr Victor of Marseilles.
July 22: Mary Magdalene, myrrh-bearer and equal-to-the-Apostles; Virgin-martyr Markella of Chios.
July 23: Hieromartyrs Phocas and Apollonios; Hieromartyr Apollinaris, bishop of Ravenna; Prophet Ezekiel.
July 24: Great-martyr Christina of Tyre; New-martyrs Athanasios of Ikia and Theophilus of Zakynthos; Athenagoras the Confessor; Passion-bearers Boris (Roman) and Gleb (David).



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS				July 17 - 24
Sunday	Titus	3:8-15	Matthew	5:14-19
Monday	Romans	12:4-5, 15-21	Matthew	12:9-13
Tuesday	Romans	14:9-18	Matthew	12:14-16, 22-30
Wednesday	James	5:10-20	Luke	4:22-30
Thursday	Romans	15:17-29	Matthew	12:46-13:3
Friday	1 Corinthians	9:2-12	Luke	8:1-3
Saturday	Romans	8:14-21	Matthew	9:9-13
Sunday	Romans	10:1-10	Matthew	8:28-9:1



Pray for our catechumens: Memphis - Ben Arthur; Jillanne Ballard; Marshall & Kathryn McWhorter.
Please remember in your prayers - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand's mother), Charles Ingram, Ted Greathouse (Shelley Snowden's father), Allen Sudduth (Paul's father), Janet Berry, Lydia Tampanaric (Tupelo), Nicholas Hill, Mary Sue Johnson (Jason Guntharpe's grandmother), Julie Hight (pregnant), Christina Moore (pregnant), Janna Knight (pregnant), Angela Leopold (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill's mother), Brenda Thomas, Doris & Jim (Brenda Thomas' family), Kera White, Dot Lawson (Lawson Bowick's grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha's daughter), Glenda Brooks, Naomi Young (Chelsea Tabor's grandmother), Anna Grace (Joyce Grossman's granddaughter), Elfreida Drobashevsky, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



Fr. Philip Out of Office - Fr. Philip will be out of the office July 18 – 22 for the Archdiocese Clergy Symposium.

Parish Council recommendations – It is once again time for our parishioners to recommend new members for the parish council. Recommendation forms can be found downstairs in the parish hall. Please list 3 recommendations in order of preference and return this form to the office or place it in the offering plate or the envelope in the parish hall. Current parish council members who will continue through next year are: **Fr. Philip, Ervin Romero, and Bill Harter**

To remind everyone, the council has 7 members, two of whom are ex-officio – the pastor and the business manager. The clergy select one from their midst to represent them. The remaining members are appointed by the pastor for two year terms which are staggered. Since we do not have a business manager currently, there will be three new members selecting for the coming year, giving a full complement of seven.

Update on Mary Clark – Mary is still at Gallaway Health, and this is good. She is in better physical health, but needs very regular supervision. Her address is Room 119, 435 Old Brownsville Road, Gallaway, TN 38036. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club will meet at 6:30 this evening at the Half Shell, 688 S. Mendenhall for a time of fellowship and food (no book will be discussed). If you plan on coming please RSVP to Brandon Maas or David Twombly.

Coffee Hour –The coffee hour sign up for 3rd quarter still has *several* openings, including:

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| Sun., July 31 (clean up, 4) | Sat., August 6 |
| Sun., August 7 | Mon., August 15 |
| Sun., August 21 | Mon., August 29 |
| Sun., Sept. 4 | Thurs., Sept 8 |
| Wed., Sept. 14 | Sun., Sept. 18 |
| Sun., Sept 25 | |

The complete list can be found on the St. John website (Parish – Online Assignments) or on Sign Up Genius, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eabac2aa0fb6-coffee2>. Contact our coffee hour coordinator, Anna Pashchinskaya if you have questions or need help signing up. anna.pashchinskaya@fedex.com. Please consider serving your parish in the way.

Master Plan questions and answers

Progress on final drawings/contractor/etc.

Fathers John, Philip, and Alex along with Dn Tim (chairman of the building committee) met with our architects on Wednesday. From that meeting, the architects hope to finish the drawing for submission to our potential contractors by the end of this coming week. Those drawings will be reviewed by the building committee and subsequently submitted to the potential contractors. We hope to have our contractor selected by August 15, and final costs on September 15. It is possible that work could begin by October 1, but the most probable date is November 1.

Fund raising

One time gifts continue to come in as well as monthly pledges. We urge all those who have made a monthly pledge to begin now if you have not yet started.

If you have not made a pledge, you can still do so. We are over 60% participation. Can we get to 70%? Every dollar helps.

Women of St. John ~ AWSJ

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| July 18 | Book Club , 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home
<i>Killer Angels: The Classic Novel of the Civil War</i> |
| August 11 | Women's Teaching , 10:00 a.m. at Priscilla Neale's home |

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Sunday, 7/17:** Chris Utley
Anniversary: Vladimir & Elfreida Drobashevsky
St. Marina: Margaret Elliott, Veronica Criswell
- Monday, 7/18:** Anniversary: Bill & Jennifer Stanek
- Tuesday, 7/19:** *St. Macrina: Corinne Elliott*
- Wednesday, 7/20:** *Prophet Elijah: Elijah White, Elliott Longa*
- Thursday, 7/21:** Janan Heisig
- Friday, 7/22:** Claire McKelvy
Mary Magdalene: Madeleine Boiles, Janan Heisig, Margie Yarbrow, Tina McKelvey, Claire McKelvey
- Saturday, 7/23:** *Prophet Ezekiel: Zeke Yarbrow*

LIBRARY LINES

Our Holy Mother Church commemorates many pious and influential women saints in July. St. Marina, honored July 17, was a pious virgin who lived during Emperor Diocletian's reign. At age fifteen she was disowned by her father for being a Christian and was imprisoned and tortured. Many people confessed Christ as they witnessed the miraculous healing of her wounds after being burned and beaten. She finally was beheaded along with those who believed in Christ because of her faith. See her story in "Great Martyr Marina" in *Orthodox America*, issue 117, July-August 1992, p. 8.

St. Macrina's feast day is Tuesday (7/19). She was a beacon of light to her entire family including her siblings, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa. Like the Theotokos, she was betrothed but never married. She cared for her widowed mother's physical needs and was a standard of asceticism for her. Look for more about her in *Keeper of the Light: St. Macrina the Elder, Grandmother of Saints* (KID STS MAC) and in "Saint Macrina: the Teacher" in *Orthodox America*, issue 141, July 1996, p. 8.

The Prophet Elijah (7/20) is one of the most colorful characters in the Scriptures, his influence present in the Old and New Testaments. He was born in the tribe of Levi and served God from his youth. King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, led Israel into idol worship and did not repent. So, the prophet foretold a severe drought for nation. In three years, Elijah slew the pagan priests and prayed to God for rain. The land was quenched; Ahab acknowledged the true God, but Jezebel did not. Because Elijah was a shining zealot for God, he was taken up into Heaven in a fiery chariot. He is shone to us again conversing with Christ at the Transfiguration. We ask his intercessions for clement weather and relief from drought. Children may read about him in *The Story of Elijah* (KID STS ELI), *The Transfiguration of Our Lord* (KID CHU ELA), and *Christina's Favorite Saints* (KID STS KHO). Adults will find more about him in "Elijah and the Friend of Man" in *Life Transfigured*, summer 2000 on p. 6 and in "Prayer to the Holy Prophet Elijah in Time of Drought" in *The Veil*, summer 2002 on p. 4.

Mary Magdalene (7/22) is honored in a very special, children's book in St. John Library. *A Child's Paradise of Saints* (KID STS MCL), by the nun Nectaria McLees, gives us a glimpse into her life. This account is accompanied by an icon-styled illustration showing her offering a red egg to Caesar. Read more about her in *Miracle of the Red Egg* (KID PAS JOH).



REGULAR ALMS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Birthright ☩ St. John Alms Fund ☩ St. Brigid Food Pantry ☩ Rachel's Kids, Inc. ☩ St. John Camping Fund ☩ Nativity Alms for the Homeless ☩ Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Mission Fund
☩ Michael & Abigail Bittle Fund